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Filing Date Granted

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40 This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given ~~TWO MONTHS~~ from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

45 The Office is thanked for according a filing date and each requirement is responded to below.

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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

50 (1) Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));
drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

55 ~~Substitute Drawings are provided herewith, with footers and legends removed..~~

60 (2)The specification contains drawings or flow diagrams (37 CFR 1.58(a)). Formal drawings in accordance with 37 CFR 1.81 should be submitted.

65 (3) This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 3 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).

70 Applicant must provide an initial computer readable format (CRF) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821 (e), 1.821 (f), 1.821 (g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

75 The compact disc(s) submitted fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.52(e) in that they contain non-ASCII files. A new duplicate set of compact discs with only ASCII files is required. Any replacement compact disc submitted should be accompanied by a certification as required by 37 CFR 1.52(e) that each disc of a duplicate set is identical to the other disc of the set. If a directory of the disc could be printed, it is attached and non-ASCII files are marked on the directory listing. ~

85 This application is objected to because it contains a data file on CD-ROM/CD-R, however, the transmittal letter does not list for each compact disc, the machine format, the operating system compatibility, a list of files contained on the compact disc including their names, sizes in bytes, and dates of creation, plus any other special information that is necessary to identify, maintain, USSN 10/057,270; Confirmation 3019; USPTO Customer No. 26830

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and interpret the information on the compact disc as required by 37 CFR 1.52(e)(3). A statement listing the required information is required. Additionally, the disc(s) is not identified in the paper portion of the specification with a listing of all of the files contained on the disc. When portions of an application are contained on a compact disc, the paper portion of the specification must identify the compact disc(s) and list the files including name, file size, and creation date on each of the compact discs. See 37 CFR 1.52(e). Applicant(s) are required to amend the specification to identify each disc and the files contained on the disc including the file name, file size, and file creation date.

The CD does not contain a sequence listing. ***

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The Examiner is especially invited to telephone Applicants' Attorney if that would expedite prosecution and disposal of this Application.

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